ने एक स्कूली छात्रा के अपहरण और उससे बलात्कार के मामले में स्थानीय पुलिस को प्रथम दृष्टि में दोषी पाया था और मामले की केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा जांच करवाने का आदेश दिया था;

(घ) क्या स्थानीय पुलिसकर्मी, सहायक पुलिस आयुक्त (सतर्कता) तथा पुलिस मुख्यालय में कार्यरत एक पुलिसकर्मी उक्त छात्रा के अपहरण में प्रत्यक्ष रूप से संलिप्त है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा कितने पुलिस कर्मियों के विरुद्ध निलम्बन, बर्खास्त करने जैसी कार्रवाई की गई है और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद) : (क) ऐसी कोई घटना नहीं हुई ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है ।

(ग) दिल्ली पुलिस ने सूचित किया है कि लगभग 13 वर्षीय लड़की संतोष के अपहरण के बारे में 13-2-1993 को भा० दं० सं० की धारा 363 के तहत एक मामला दर्ज किया गया । लड़की की मां, श्रीमती गोपी देवी ने यह आरोप लगाते हुए दिल्ली उच्च न्यायालय में एक रिट याचिका दायर की थी कि दिल्ली पुलिस याचिका में नामित उन पांच व्यक्तियों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई नहीं कर रही है जिन्होंने उसकी लड़की का अपहरण किया और उसके साथ बलात्कार किया । स्थानीय पुलिस ने कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की क्योंकि उनके खिलाफ कोई अभिशंसी साक्ष्य नहीं थे । दिल्ली उच्च न्यायालय द्वारा 25-5-1993 को दिए गए निर्देशों के अनुसरण में कि मामले को जांच पड़ताल के लिए केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो को हस्तांतरित किया जाय, 29-6-1993 को केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो की विशेष अपराध शाखा द्वारा एक मामला दर्ज किया गया । केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो के अनुसार, जांच से यह पता चला कि याचिका दायर करने वाली महिला ने कथित अपराधियों के गलत नाम दिए थे । शिकायत करने वाली महिला कुछ लोगों को फंसाने की कोशीश कर रही थी जिनके साथ सरकारी जमीन पर अनधिकृत निर्माण और अतिक्रमण को लेकर उसका विवाद था । जांच के दौरान एकत्र किए गए सबूतों के आधार पर, केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो ने दो व्यक्तियों को गिरफ़्तार किया जिनके नाम याचिका में नहीं दिए गए थे ।

(घ) जी नहीं, श्रीमान् ।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है ।

Regulating Property Tax

1199. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN :
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether government have received suggestions for taking legislative action to regulate property tax leviable by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Committee based on carpet area of the property instead of the cost of construction of the property;

(b) if so, whether government have accepted the suggestion in principle; and

(c) if so, by when appropriate legislative measure is proposed to be brought before Parliament so that widespread corruption in Delhi Municipal Corporation and New Delhi Municipal Committee contained ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) No, Sir. Such views have been expressed in Seminars and conferences but no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Posting of SPG Staff

1200. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any officers or members of SPG have been transferred from Delhi to any foreign country during the last six months and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any officers or members of the SPG have been sent on deputation or have been relieved from SPG for other postings during the last six months; and

(c) if so, the reasons and details of such decisions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No officer or member of SPG has been sent on deputation to join other postings during the last six months. However, 40 officers/men, who were serving in SPG on deputation, have been repatriated to their parent organizations during the last six months.

Damage to the Statue of Mahatma Gandhi

1201. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Statue of

Mahatma Gandhi, located at Pulianthope in Madras City, was damaged by miscreants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what measures the State Government have adopted to apprehend the culprits; and

(d) what measures the State Government have taken to repair the damaged statue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The Government of Tamil Nadu has reported the following facts regarding the incident:

A statue of Mahatma Gandhi, situated at Gandhi Maidan at No. 21, Kuttithambiran Street, Pulianthope, Madras-12, was damaged on 24-3-93.

On receipt of the report, a case (crime No. 353/93) u/s. 447 and 427 IPC., was registered by Pulianthope Police Station and investigated. During the course of the investigation, it was revealed that local youngsters who used the Gandhi Maidan to play Cricket has accidentally hit the cricket ball on to the statue and damaged it partially. The youngsters involved namely, D. Balaji (Age 19) and J. Kothandan (Age 19) of Pulianthope were arrested on 25-3-93. They were charged on 7-4-93 and were taken on file in C. C. No. 3487/93 in X Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Egmore. The accused were convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 250/- each on 28-7-93. Both the accused paid the fine.

The statue is being repaired.

Women Cells set up in Delhi

1202. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Women Cells have been set up in New Delhi to hear the Complaints of the women victimised by their in-laws; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that false complaints without FIRs are also being registered in these cells and if the complaints filed by women are proved false, no action is taken by these cells against the women filing such complaints;

(c) whether it is also a fact that false lists of dowry are submitted by the women in the cells and the innocent grooms and their parents are harassed by the cells to recover the items of dowry;

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take with regard to dowry if the groom agrees to keep the bride with him but she refuses to stay with him; and

(e) the number of such cases, registered with the Nanakpura and the ITO women cells, New Delhi during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) An Anti Dowry Cell was set up on 22-1-1983. Following recommendations of the Srivastava Committee which was appointed by the Government of India to go into the functioning of the Delhi Police, the Anti Dowry Cell was strengthened and re-designated as Crime Against Women Cell. The Cell primarily investigates cases of dowry deaths and other heinous crimes where women are the victims. In 1986, Crime Against Women Cells were also established at the district level.

(b) The Delhi Police has reported that on enquiries, a few complaints are found to be unsubstantiated. No action has been taken against such complaints.

(c) The list of dowry items submitted by the women are sometime found to be exaggerated. The Crime Against women Cells restore only those items of dowry which are mutually agreed upon by both the husband and the wife. If the ownership of the items claimed by a woman is not proved, no action is taken against the husband and his parents.

(d) In the event of a wife refusing to stay with her husband, the husband has no right to retain the gifts brought by her.

(e) The total number of complaints, received by the Crime Against Women Cell, Nanakpura, and district cells are as under:—

Month	*Total complaints received*
April, 1993	581
May, 1993	684
June, 1993	708

Rape of Children

1203. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rape of children below ten years of age showed an alarming increase of more than 278 per cent during 1991 with the year recording 1099 cases as compared to 394 in the previous year, as per U. N. I. reports;